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## CURRENT UK LEVEL ACTION

### HAP/SAP reporting in 2002 and 2005

Steps have been taken to set in train a limited reporting round for all Lead Partners and LBAPs in 2002/3. The results of this round will be reported in 2003. A more substantial reporting round will be undertaken in 2005. It is hoped that this will lead to a comprehensive web-based reporting system that will enable continual updating by Lead Partners and LBAPs of the progress they are making and regular snapshots of the overall UK picture.

The information gained in part through this process will lead to a fundamental review of the actions and targets in the SAPs and HAPs in 2005. This will ensure that the HAP/SAP list remains dynamic. Deletions as well as additions might be expected. Attached is a GANT chart of the process, prepared by RSPB for illustration.

### Lead Partner workshops – October 2002.

Arrangements are being made to hold two one day workshops for lead partners. The first will be hosted by SNH at Battleby on 8 October with the second, hosted by DEFRA, in the south of England later in the month. The workshops will have identical programmes and cover integrating local and national action plans; the 2002 reporting round and proposed Biodiversity Action Reporting System; and, communication and data sharing. Lead Partners will be eligible to attend either workshop.

### Recommendations for new HAPs

At the fourth and last meeting of the re-convened UKTG on 12 December 2001, three Country Group representatives gave an update on the current views held on each of the five proposed new Habitat Action Plans; Northern Ireland did not comment. The action from the minutes of that meeting was that **‘Once constituted, the UK Partnership should be informed of the Country Groups’ views on the five proposed new HAPs.’**

A summary of the Country Biodiversity Groups’ views is tabulated below:-

HAP	Scotland	Wales	England
<b>Ponds of high ecological value</b>	Supported	Supported pending resolution of definition.	Reservations on definition. Is an Action Plan the most appropriate mechanism? Defer until England

			Biodiversity Strategy completed.
<b>Oligotrophic lochs and lakes</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>Rock outcrops and mine spoil rich in heavy metals.</b>	Supported Natural Rock Outcrops, Anthropogenic not supported.	Decision not made	Supported in principle scientific case. Defer decision on Action Plan until England Biodiversity Strategy completed.
<b>Montane Heathlands</b>	Supported Upland Heathland but not Upland Grasslands component.	Supported	Supported
<b>River Shingles</b>	Not supported	Supported subject to clarifications.	Supported